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THE RADICAL CONVENTION.

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FULL PROCEEDINGS.

[From the Parkersburg Times (radical).]

Mr. Harmon Sinsal, the Chairman of the State Central Committee, called the meeting to order, and on his motion General Lewis Ruffner, of Kanawha, was appointed temporary Chairman, and O. G. Chase, of Putnam, temporary Secretary. The Secretary moved the appointment of Committees on Credentials, Permanent Organization, Basis of Representation, and Resolutions, which resulted as follows:

Committee on Credentials—H. C. Sheppard, B. Miers, C. Hooton, E. L. Wade, R. L. Fleming, J. W. Glascock, J. L. McLean, F. J. Lessage, A. W. Mann, W. M. Welch, F. W. Shaw.

Committee on Basis of Representation—S. B. McCallough, J. R. Brown, C. M. Bishop, W. H. Steers, B. D. Williams, W. M. Banting, J. W. Crocraft, Z. D. Ramsdell, S. Young, T. H. Carskadon, J. R. Brown.

Committee on Permanent Organization—M. Wells, G. Edwards, H. Sinsal, C. F. Scott, C. G. Smith, James M. Hayden, of Weston, F. W. Sisson, J. W. Mathers, T. Barnes, J. W. Duffey, C. E. Stubb.

Committee on Resolutions—C. D. Hubbard, H. Criswell, G. C. Sturgiss, General R. S. Northcott, B. D. Williams, J. W. Weaver, G. W. Atkinson, G. Evans, C. Nowlin, W. H. H. Flick, H. Criswell.

The Secretary called the various Committees, who then retired for consultation.

Loud calls were made for Colonel T. B. Swann, of Kanawha county, who on taking the stand, announced that this was his first appearance in a Republican Convention, and in a somewhat lengthy address discussed the various questions of the day, advocating the liberal movement.

The Convention then adjourned until 11 o'clock, P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Report from the Committee on Credentials was handed in. Moved and adopted that the reading of the names of the Delegates be dispensed with.

The Committee on Permanent organization reported for President of the Convention, Hon. R. S. Brown, of Jackson, and one Vice President for each Senatorial District. 1, J. B. Nay; 2, H. Wallace; 3, C. Hooton; 4, R. S. Northcott; 5, J. A. Hutchison, Jr.; 6, A. J. Wood, of Weston; 7, J. L. McLean; 8, W. Workman; 9, S. Young; 10, W. M. Welch; 11, S. Hidenour. Secretary of the Convention, W. P. Hubbard, of Ohio; Assistant Secretaries, H. H. Freer, of Kanawha, and J. J. Isenberg, of Grant.

The report being unanimously adopted, the President, Hon. R. S. Brown, was conducted to the Chair, and thanked the Convention in a brief address, in the course of which his liberal views and wise suggestions in regard to the future internal policy of the Republican party of this State were warmly applauded.

The Committee on Basis of Representation reported as a basis: That each county cast one vote for each member sent to the House of Delegates at the last session. M. Edwards, of Marshall, offered as a substitute: That each county cast five votes for each member returned to the House of Delegates, and one additional vote for every fifty Republican votes cast for Governor at the election of 1868.

A vote being taken not satisfactory to the friends of the substitute, a division was called, but delayed and resisted by a number of protests and resolutions from members contending that the great inequality in the representation of different sections and counties in the Convention did not admit of a fair vote on the question *vis a vis* race. After a somewhat protracted and excited discussion, Mr. Steers, of Pleasants, successfully moved to withdraw all the pending motions and to proceed to the divisions on the adoption of the substitute. Result: Ayes 104, Nays 133. So the substitute was rejected. The original report on basis of representation was then adopted.

The Committee on Resolutions reported the following majority resolutions which were immediately read by the Chairman, Hon. C. D. Hubbard, and received with marks of general approbation:

Be it Resolved,

1st. That the Union of the States is indissoluble and perpetual; that the Constitution of the United States, and the laws of Congress made in pursuance thereof, are supreme, constant, and universal in their obligations, and that it is the highest duty of every American citizen to maintain their paramount authority against all their enemies.

2d. That it is essential to the preservation of our republican institutions that we uphold and respect the principles promulgated in the Declaration of Independence and embodied in the Federal Constitution, viz: that all men are created equal; that they are endowed with certain inalienable

rights; among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness; and that to secure these rights, governments are instituted among men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed.

3d. That the Fifteenth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States which forbids the exclusion of any class from an equal voice in the government by means of the accident of race or color, or of the misfortune of previous oppression, accords with those honorable principles of the Declaration of Independence, and is as essential to justice between men, to the consistency of the government, and the harmonious relations of the races within its jurisdiction.

4th. That we highly commend the spirit of magnanimity and forgiveness with which men who have served in the rebellion, but who now frankly and honestly co-operate with us in restoring the peace of the country, upon the basis of impartial justice and equal rights, are received back into the communion of the loyal people; and we favor the removal of the disqualifications and restrictions imposed upon the late rebels, in the same measure as the spirit of disloyalty will die out; and as may be consistent with the safety of the loyal people.

5th. That the Republican party of West Virginia fully endorses the action of its representatives, in the last session of the Legislature, in submitting the question of amending the Constitution, to the people of the State and at the same time recognizing the right of each individual to think and vote thereon, according to his best judgment, and the dictates of his own conscience.

6th. That so long as the restrictions on the suffrage remains in the Constitution, it is to be enforced equally with any other part of that instrument, fairly and with strict regard to its terms, without prejudice to the lawful right of any citizen.

7th. That in the conduct of our State affairs there should be a continuance of the economy in all departments that has heretofore characterized the administration of the State, but, as mere parsimony is not economy, there should be a vigorous effort and a liberal expenditure, if necessary, to attract settlers from other States and countries without whom the State must for a long time remain to a large extent unpeopled.

8th. Resolved, That in the rapid decrease of the public debt together with the constant uniform reduction in the rate of taxation, we recognize the happy results of a policy, which, while preserving inviolate the public faith, has had constantly in view the lessening of the burdens of the people.

9th. That, as it cannot be doubted that there are many who have not heretofore acted with the Republican party, who now acquiesce in the results of its policy and who recognize that the public welfare will not be promoted by further attempts to re-open settled issues, and as there is no reason why such persons should not be in practical and harmonious co-operation with the Republican party; we, therefore, invite all such persons, as in good faith abide the decisions of the war, desire to see the complete extinguishment of political inequalities and the restoration of an era of charity and good feeling, to unite with the Republican party in carrying these measures into effect.

C. D. Hubbard, G. W. Atkinson, G. Evans, B. D. Williams, J. N. Warner, H. Criswell, W. H. H. Flick.

The following minority report was presented and read by General R. S. Northcott of the same Committee, proposing an amendment or substitute to sections 4 and 5 of the majority report:

The undersigned a minority of your committee, concur with the majority in the 1st 2d 3d 4th 5th 6th 7th 8th 9th resolutions, adopted by the majority, and recommend their adoption, but are unable to agree with the views expressed by them in the 5th resolution, and they offer the following substitute for the 4th and 5th resolutions, and recommend its adoption:

Resolved, That we recognize as a solemn pledge the declaration of the Republican party made in National Convention at Chicago, and we favor the removal of the disqualifications and restrictions imposed upon the late rebels in the same measure as their spirit of loyalty will direct, and as may be consistent with the safe of the loyal people, and recommend such legislation as may be necessary fully to carry it out.

R. S. Northcott, G. C. Sturgiss, J. W. Weaver, C. Nowlin.

The question being called upon the adoption of the minority report, General Northcott explained the intent and purposes of the same, and recommended its adoption. Notwithstanding loud cries of "question," Mr. Newlin, of Monroe, demanded the floor, which for a few moments gave rise to such confusion as to suggest the necessity of adopting some parliamentary rules for the government of the Convention; whereupon the rules and

regulations of the House of Delegates were declared to be adopted. Mr. Newlin then took the floor in favor of the stringent policy embodied in the minority report, but after a patient indulgence of twenty minutes was forced to his seat by repeated clamors for the "question."

The Clerk called out the basis of representation for each county, after which Hon. C. D. Hubbard asked and was allowed five minutes in response to the set speech of Mr. Newlin. In support of his terse and forcible plea for a liberal platform, Mr. Hubbard cited the General Amnesty bill introduced into the lower house of Congress on day before yesterday, and his time being up before he concluded, Mr. Newlin again demanded the floor. (Renewed confusion, and cries "enough," "too late," and "question" on all sides.) The question being on the adoption of the minority report the vote resulted: Ayes, 200, nays, 412. (Tremendous cheering.) The original resolutions of the majority were then put to vote, and adopted *vis a vis* by an overwhelming majority. The cheering which followed was absolutely deafening, and for a few moments the delegates commingled in joyous and mutual congratulations. The harmonious shout "now go ahead," by a rural delegate was immediately heeded by a motion that the Convention now proceed to make the nominations of the State Republican ticket, which was carried.

THE NOMINATIONS.

The first one named for Governor was the present incumbent, Hon. W. E. Stevenson, of Wood, and the other A. W. Campbell, Esq., of Ohio. The latter nomination having been withdrawn by Mr. John R. Hubbard, who referred to a published card from Mr. Campbell declining official positions.

Governor Stevenson was nominated by such an outburst of acclamations as was probably never before witnessed in any West Virginia Convention, and continued long after, in response to deafening calls. His Excellency had ascended the platform. With deep and visible emotion, Governor Stevenson thanked the Convention for this mark of respect and devotion from the party of progress, of liberty, and civilization; a party so liberal as to extend to its defeated enemies a magnanimity not exceeded in the history of the world. He did not intend to indict the Democratic party; that was done on this stand this morning. (Alluding to the speech of T. B. Swann.)

"When that party assembled at Charleston, instead of taking steps in advance of old issues as its progressive members desired in the face of political events of late years, it receded towards the days and errors of secession and rebellion, and out of mossy graves revived those vile passions with which it proposes to defy the Republican party next October. Shall it do it? (Cries of no! no! no! never!) All the good that has been achieved is in danger unless you elect the successful nominees of this Convention. I shall be glad and proud to do all I can to that end, but all the nominees cannot do all that is required. You, all of you here must work with us. If you go home and organize in your counties and townships, and work half as hard as your political opponents will, your victory will be overwhelming. Will you do it? (Loud cheers of yes, yes we will, go on.) I want a more emphatic declaration than that." The marks of approbation and enthusiasm at this time were so uproarious and convincing, as to satisfy many lookers on much more skeptical than his Excellency, as to the animus and sincerity of the Convention upon this point.

Governor Stevenson concluded his spirited address with an apology for its brevity, in view of the pressing business yet before the Convention.

For Secretary of the State the nominations were Captain James M. Pipes, the present incumbent, and Charles M. Shinn, of Marion. Colonel Wells, of Brooke, spoke warmly in favor of the latter candidate, but failing to produce an impression against the one armed veteran now occupying that position, withdrew the name of Mr. Shinn, and proposed that Captain James M. Pipes be renominated by acclamation. Carried.

Sergeant G. A. McCauley, the present incumbent, was renominated for State Treasurer, which in the absence of opposition was carried by acclamation.

The nominations for Auditor were Captain Thomas L. Boggess, present incumbent, and Captain Thomas B. Mauley, of Marion.

A Ballot resulted in 380 for Captain Thomas L. Boggess, and 256 for Mauley, whereupon it was moved and adopted that the nomination of Captain Boggess be made unanimous.

For Judge of Court of Appeals, Hon. James H. Brown, of Kanawha was renominated by acclamation.

For Attorney General of the State, the nominations were: Hon. A. B. Caldwell, of Ohio, present

incumbent; Hon. W. H. H. Flick, of Pendleton; John A. Hutchinson, Jr., Esq., of Wood.

A ballot resulted: Caldwell, 337; Flick, 182; Hutchinson, 122; Necessary for a choice, 321. So Mr. Caldwell, on motion, was declared the unanimous choice of the Convention.

On motion it was resolved that one Delegate from each Senatorial District compose the State Central Committee, who shall designate five of its members to constitute the State Executive Committee until the next State Convention. The following gentlemen were then nominated by the delegations of their respective Districts:

C. W. B. Allison, J. B. Nay, H. Sinsal, A. C. Moore, L. D. Wheat, Weiden S. Smith, of Weston, W. J. Sisson, F. J. Lessage, T. Gaines, T. R. Carskadon, C. E. Stubb.

On motion it was further resolved that G. W. Atkinson, of Kanawha, Hon. C. D. Hubbard, of Ohio, and Granville D. Hall, of Ohio, be added to the State Central Committee.

In conclusion it was moved that the proceedings of this Convention be published in the Republican papers of West Virginia.

Upon motion, the Convention adjourned sine die.

The Fate of a Fighting Dog.

A man had owned a terrier dog—
A bob-tailed, ornery cuss—
And that there pup got that there name
In many an ugly mess;
For the man was on his muscle,
And the dog was on his bite,
So to kick that dog gone animal—
Was sure to ris a fight.

A woman owned a Thomas cat,
That fat at fifteen pounds;
And other cats got up and slid
When that there cat was round,
The man and dog came along one day,
Where the woman she did dwell,
And the purr he growled ferociously,
Then went for the cat like—well.

He tried to claw the neck of the cat,
But the cat he wouldn't be clawed;
So he lit on the back of that there dog,
And bit and clawed and clawed!
Oh, the hair it flew! and the purr he yelled!
As the claws went into his hide,
And chunks of flesh were peeled from his back
Then he summazed, and kicked, and died.

The man he ripped, and cussed, and swore,
As he gathered a big brickbat,
That he would be durned essentially
If he didn't kill that cat!
But the woman allowed she'd be blessed if he did,
And snatched up an old shot-gun,
Which she fired, and peppered his diaphragm
With bird-shot number one.

They told him home on a window blind,
And the doctor cured him up;
But he was never known to fight again
Or to own another pup.
Folks may turn up their snouts at this here rhyme.

I don't care a duss for that,
I only wanted to show that fighting dogs
May tackle the wrong Tom cat.

The Devil Outwitted.

How Paddy did old Nick outwit,
And where the "rats," were hid,
I need will tell you in a bit
If you my verse will read.

Once on a time it has been said,
There was a cunning cat,
The ropes for whom old Satan laid
To catch him in a snap.

That chap was from the Emerald Isle
For whom Old Nick did strive,
He gave old Pat a heavy "whip"
Him down to hell to drive.

Old Nick he chuckled in his secret,
And thought he'd got old Pat;
Ah! ha! once in you'll never leave,
Ah, ha! I've got the "flat."

Pat saw by Satan's happy look
The devil was to pay,
And he set his mother wit to work,
That he might win the day.

He thought, at last, within his pate
He'd play an Irish trick,
So turned his coach outside the gate,
And in he backed Old Nick.

Then cracked his whip, the horses sprang,
The devil he fell out,
"Faughallaugh!" the coachman sang,
"Now those the lazy lout!"

The best laid schemes o' men an' mice,
You know 'gaug aft' niggies."
The "Rats," they thought it would be nice
The niggers vote to see;

But like the devil, in the song,
'Twas not so cute a trick;
For while men left the smutty throng
Where Paddy left Old Nick.

We learn that a horrible affair took place last week on the middle Fork river, in Randolph county, some 15 or 20 miles from Beverly. Two little boys aged ten and six years, sons of Mr. S. Curran, went out in the evening to drive home the cows. When but a short distance from the house they were attacked by a very large panther. The eldest boy immediately gathered up the younger one in his arms, but the panther seized him and tore him loose. The boy seeing that he could not save his little brother, ran to the house, and when he got to the spot found his child almost entirely devoured.

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Our candidate for Supreme Judge, C. P. T. Moore, of Mason, is an able and popular nominee. A good lawyer, urbane and winning in his manners, with plenty of brains, extensive reading, all the accomplishments of a gentleman, and all the high merit demanded by the station for which he is named, Mr. Moore will prove a splendid candidate and an excellent Judge.

Major E. A. Bennett, the nominee for Auditor, is a Union soldier of clean record, a worthy and modest young man, and possesses the superior business qualifications needed in the Auditor's office. When we remember the woeful mismanagement of that office in the past, and the notorious unfitness of its Republican incumbents, and the damage to the State that has resulted therefrom, we look forward with the highest confidence to the thorough reforms Major Bennett will inaugurate and complete.

Joseph Sprigg, Esq., of Hardy, who has been named for Attorney General is one of the first and best men in the Eastern part of the State. He is young, brilliant and popular, a lawyer of full reading and splendid judgment, and a magnificent speaker. He commands the esteem of everybody in the South Branch Valley, where he resides, and will add greatly to the strength of the ticket in that section.

Captain John S. Burdett, nominee for Treasurer, has an honored reputation in Old and West Virginia. Before the war he was constantly honored with high public positions and the constancy with which the people retained him in posts of dignity and importance was the proof of his ability and of his fidelity to their interests. His war record is without a stain, and his subsequent course as a member of the West Virginia Senate, separating him as it did from the Radical extremists in their rush into negroism and proscription, received the commendation of all fair-minded conservative citizens. As a candidate Captain Burdett will make a stirring canvass, and as a public officer, will do faithful service for the State.

Captain John M. Phelps served with honor in the Union army and since the close of the war has had much experience in legislation and other public business. Acting heretofore with the Republican party, he has found it impossible to co-operate farther with an organization in the State whose sole policy is proscription for the sake of party. We happen to know that this nomination came to him unsought, and that he accepts it as the representative of that just spirit of liberalism which has found expression from many republican sources, and which will lead large numbers of the Republican party, at the coming election, to aid in throwing off the proscription policy which so long impeded the progress of the State. Having frequently been honored by the Republicans of this section with high positions, no valid objection to Captain Phelps can come from that quarter. He is an able stamper and will do good work in the canvass.

Major Frank Hereford, the nominee of the Democracy of the Third District for Congress, will receive the unanimous and hearty support of the entire party of the District, as well as the votes of many disaffected Republicans. He is a polished and popular speaker, full of brains and eloquence, and will make short work of any man of the opposition who may be chosen as his antagonist. Being thoroughly versed in the politics of the day and having besides this the culture and the brains needed in a representative, Major Hereford will give the interests of this District that full and able advocacy in Congress which they have so far lacked. We are glad to know that his election is a certainty, the Democratic majority in the 3rd District being now decided.

With such a ticket we have no fears for the result. The Democrats of the State have the votes to carry it, and with such nominees there can be no doubt of their determination to put forth every legitimate effort essential to success.—Charles W. Courton.

The place for a fevered imagination is Minnie's.